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- 1. IVORY COAST HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL HOST THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON COFFEE IN ABIDJAN FROM NOVEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER 4, 1977. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH A MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE IN AFRICA.
- 2. THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DE CONGRES AT THE HOTEL IVOIRE, AND MORE THAN 500 PERSONS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL DISCUSS VARIOUS SUBJECTS SUCH AS THE CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY OF COFFEE, THE PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF COFFEE CONSUMPTION, AND THE AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF COFFEE CULTIVATION.
- 2. FOR THE FIRST TIME, TWO COMPLETE DAYS WILL BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ON COFFEE CULTIVATION. TWO OF THE FOUR MAJOR SPEAKERS WILL BE FROM IVORY COAST: J. LOROUGNON UNCLASSIFIED

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GUEDE, MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, WHO WILL SPEAK OF THE ROLE OF PLANT BIOLOGY IN DEVELOPMENT FOR TROPICAL AFRICAN STATES; AND P. KAMMACHER, PROFESSOR ON THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AT THE NATIONAL UNVERSITY, ON GENETIC VARIETIES OF COFFEE AND THEIR IMPROVEMENT THROUGH HYBRIDIZATION. OTHER SPEAKERS WILL BE P. SYLVAIN, FROM THE AGRICULTURUAL

RESEARCH CENTER AT TURRIALBA, COSTA RICA, WHO WILL PRESENT A PAPER ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN "COFFEE CULTURE" WHICH WILL INCREASE EFFICIENCY IN PRODUCTION AND REDUCE COSTS, AND PROFESSOR LEMEE, FROM THE UNVIERSITY OF PARIS-SUD, WHO WILL DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF WATER TECHNOLOGY IN COFFEE CULTIVATION.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT GOIC HOPES TO USE THE OCCASION ON THIS COLLOQUIUM TO PUBLICIZE ITS WORK IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARABUSTA-A CROSS BETWEEN ROBUSTA AND ARABICA STRAINS, AND TO STIR THE INTEREST OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY IN THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR "COFFEE CULTURE" THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. STEARNS

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